



Historical Commission | Town of Marion
2 Spring Street
Marion MA 02738

Meeting Minutes

Marion Historical Commission

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 5:30-7:00 pm via Zoom

Present: Meg Steinberg, Sidney Bowen, Bryan McSweeney, William Tifft, Barry Gaffney (guest)

Meeting Agenda:

Meg called the meeting to order at 5:35.

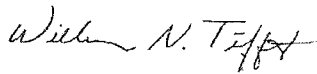
1. VOTED unanimously to approve Minutes of November 4, 2021 meeting
2. Update on 2021 Grant (Lynn): Scope of Work is finalized. It will have to include Upper Main/Briggs (not completed by Claire under previous grant). Phase 1 Report received from Lynn and approved, now awaits MHC approval. Field survey with Lynn on Dec 3 went well. Next submission expected mid-December.
3. Update on 2020 Grant (Claire): Meg will review and respond to Phase 3a and 3b forms, and schedule review with MHC. Claire's invoice received and Meg will approve it. However, the Portuguese community report is still not completed and still hoping to schedule a presentation of it by Claire.
Meg met with new town planner Doug Guey-Lee. He indicated he can give us/Claire a map of the whole town to put the inventory on as part of the GIS system.
4. Bryan has helped update the MHC website and will also add some of the SHS historic photographs, particularly some of Long Wharf.
5. Update that pre-app for MHC S&P 2022 round was submitted Nov. 8 for Nov. 15 deadline.
6. Update on Capt. John Pitcher House: interviews by Parker Kelley in Nov. Meg was interviewed at the SHS, Judith Rosbe at the Rosbe house. Parker and husband are working on the house, using the office space. Hired Susannah Davis for landscaping.
7. Percy Browne article in Wanderer and online. No further distribution ideas.
8. 49 Water Street. Conservation Commission meeting on Dec. 8 now deferred to January 12.
9. Discussion of interests expressed in Local Historic District. Link to MHC LHD Manual: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcpdf/establishinglocalhistoricdistricts.pdf>. Process is complicated. Commission will continue to consider options and feasibility

and discuss with key players. Meg will reach out to MHC staff as a start. The 2002 Study Report is on hand and will be helpful.

10. Preservation MA awards nominations due 1-31. Will Tifft to follow-up re Town House.
11. Other business: Discussion of the demolition permit list, including Bascom property which is not historic. Discussion of Planning Board recent topic for FAR proposal. Will to f/u on what discussion was about and where it might lead re zoning changes. Guest Barry Gaffney expressed many concerns re grandfathered lots, etc.
12. Date for next meeting set: Wednesday, January 12 at 5:30 pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William N. Tifft".

William N. Tifft, Clerk